

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to air
an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election is
a clear example of the
dangers of media
consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the airwaves,
we get more of what's
good for the bottom
line and less of what
we need for our
democracy. Instead of
something produced
at "News Central" far
away, it's more
important that we see
real people from our
own communities and
more substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They show
why the license
renewal process needs
to involve more than a
returned postcard.
Thank you.